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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Joannie A. García

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 March 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-27 and 37-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 38-40 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,7,8,12-15,18-21 and 23-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-6,9-11,16,17,22,26,27 and 37 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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The finality stated in the Office Action mailed 01-10-06 has been withdrawn.

Claims are objected to because of the following informalities:

In claim 4, line 5, "region;" before "said depletions regions" should be replaced instead with --regions;--.

In claim 21, line 2, "implant" after "said S/D" should be replaced instead with --implantation--.

In claim 23, line 6, "said" before "source/drain regions;" should be deleted.

In claim 23, line 11, --said—should precede "source and drain regions adjacent".

In claim 23, line 18, "region;" before "said depletion regions" should be replaced instead with --regions;--.

Appropriate correction is required.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 2, 7, 8, and 14, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Burr (US 2003/0178698 A1).

Burr discloses forming a gate structure 704 over a silicon substrate 706 being doped with a first conductivity type impurity such as p-type with a concentration of 1×10^{17} atom/cc (Figure 7A, and Paragraphs 0024, 0096, and 0161), forming a channel region under said gate

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structure with a concentration of 1×10^{17} atom/cc (Figure 7A, and Paragraph 0096), performing a doped depletion implantation region by implanting ions being a second conductivity type to the substrate to form doped depletion regions 770 beneath and separated from source/drain regions 703/705 (Figure 7A, and Paragraphs 0161, and 0164), wherein said doped depletion region is not formed under said gate structure and said doped depletion regions are fully depleted (Figure 7A), and performing a s/d implant by implanting ions having the second conductivity type into the substrate to form the source/drain regions adjacent to said gate structure (Figure 7A, and Paragraph 0161), said doped depletion regions having an impurity concentration and thickness so that said doped depletion regions are depleted due to a built-in potential created between said doped depletion regions and said substrate (Figure 7A), and said doped depletion regions having a an impurity concentration so that the built-in-junction potential between said doped depletion regions and said substrate forms depletion regions in the substrate between the source and drain regions and the doped depletion regions, said depletion regions have a net impurity concentration of the first conductivity type (Figure 7A, and Paragraph 0161). In the process of Burr, it would be inherently to have depletions regions around any p-n junction, the depletion regions 770 of Burr being in the location recited in claim 1, for example (See <http://hyperphysics.phystr.gsu.edu/hbase/solids/pnjun.html#c3>).

Claims 12, 13, 15, 18-21, and 23-25, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Burr as applied to claims 1, 2, 7, 8, and 14, above, and further in view of Bae et al (US 20040075143 A1).

Burr discloses performing either p-type or n-type processes (Paragraph 0200). Burr does not teach using boron as a p-type dopant, nor using arsenic or phosphorous as an n-type dopant. Bae et al discloses using boron as a p-type dopant, and arsenic or phosphorous as an n-type dopant. It would have been within the scope of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Burr and Bae et al, to form doped substrate 706 of Burr to be performed, by employing the either of the dopants disclosed by Bae et al.

Burr discloses the claimed invention except for a channel width between 0.04 and 0.5 μm , a boron and a phosphorous or arsenic dose for the doped depletion implantation region between 5×10^{11} atoms/ cm^2 to 5×10^{13} atoms/ cm^2 , an energy for the doped depletion region between 50 keV to 500 keV, a depth below a substrate surface for the doped depletion implantation region of 0.09 μm to 0.7 μm , a boron and a phosphorous or arsenic dose for the s/d implant between 5×10^{14} atoms/ cm^2 to 5×10^{16} atoms/ cm^2 , an energy for the s/d implant between 50 keV to 80 keV, a depth below a substrate surface for the s/d implant of 0.04 μm to 0.5 μm . It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to determine a suitable channel width, since it has been held that where the general conditions of a claim are disclosed in the prior art, discovering the optimum or workable ranges involves only routine skill in the art. *In re Aller*, 105 USPQ 233.

In addition, the selection of a suitable channel width, dose, energy, and depth, is obvious because it is a matter of determining optimum process conditions by routine experimentation with a limited number of species of result effective variables. These claims are prima facie obvious without showing that the claimed ranges achieve unexpected results relative to the prior art range. *In re Woodruff*, 16 USPQ2d 1935, 1937 (Fed. Cir. 1990). See also *In re Huang*, 40

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USPQ2d 1685, 1688 (Fed. Cir. 1996)(claimed ranges or a result effective variable, which do not overlap the prior art ranges, are unpatentable unless they produce a new and unexpected result which is different in kind and not merely in degree from the results of the prior art). See also *In re Boesch*, 205 USPQ 215 (CCPA) (discovery of optimum value of result effective variable in known process is ordinarily within skill or art) and *In re Aller*, 105 USPQ 233 (CCPA 1995) (selection of optimum ranges within prior art general conditions is obvious).

Note that the specification contains no disclosure of either the critical nature of the claimed channel widths, doses, energies, and depths, or any unexpected results arising therefrom. Where patentability it's said to be based upon particular chosen channel widths, doses, energies, and depths, or upon another variable recited in a claim, the Applicant must show that the chosen channel widths, doses, energies, and depths, are critical. *In re Woodruff*, 919 F.2d 1575, 1578, 16 USPQ2d 1934, 1936 (Fed. Cir. 1990).

Claims 4, 9-11, 16, 17, 22, 26, and 27, would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objection(s) set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 38-40 are allowed.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joannie García whose telephone number is (571) 272-1861. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Smith, can be reached on (571) 272-1907. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.


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